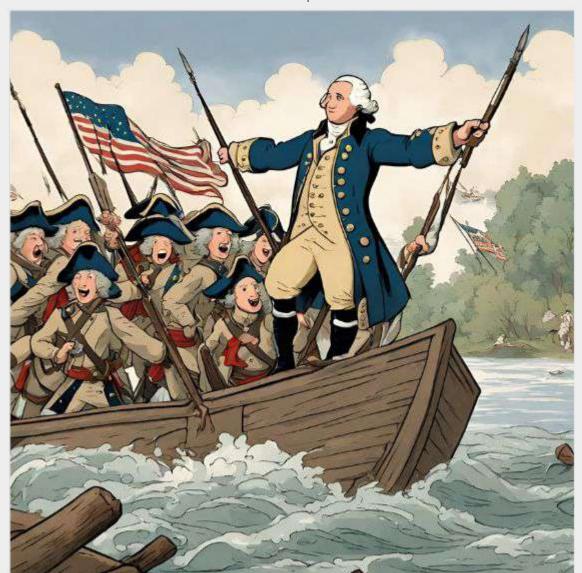
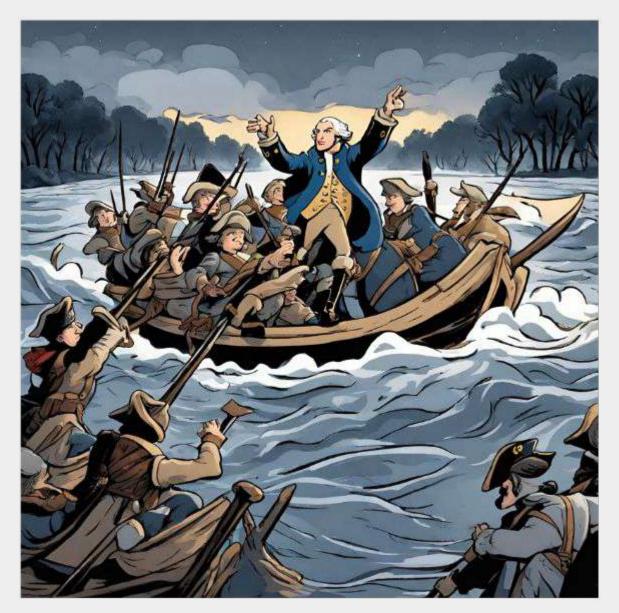
## Crossing the Delaware

A differentiated Reader's Theater Script for 5th grade that includes on-level passage, approaching level passage and advanced level passage. Includes discussion questions and coloring pages. Provides a quick intro/review to George Washington crossing the Delaware in 1776 during the Revolutionary War.



# ON level script





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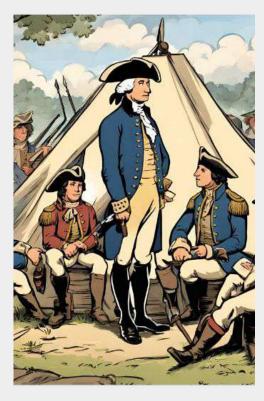
A Reader's Theatre Script

#### Characters:

- George Washington
- General Nathanael Greene
- Colonel John Glover
- Soldier 1
- Soldier 2

#### Scene: 1: The Continental Army camp, December 25, 1776

Narrator: On a very cold winter night in 1776, the American Revolution was happening, and General George Washington had to make a very important decision. He needed to face the Hessian soldiers who were on the other side of the dangerous Delaware River. Washington knew that winning this battle could make his soldiers feel better and maybe even change the course of the whole war. But achieving this goal would require careful planning and bravery from his soldiers.



#### Scene: 2: The boats near the Delaware River

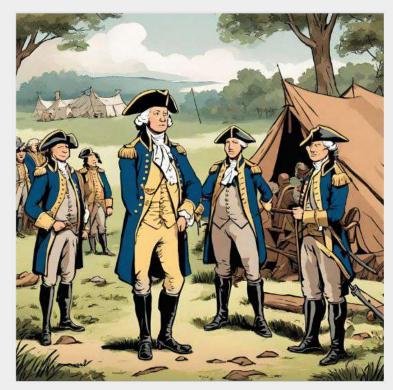
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Washington: We need to surprise the enemy! Tonight, when it's dark, we will cross the icy Delaware River and attack the Hessian soldiers in Trenton.

Greene: But sir, the conditions are hard. The river is frozen, and our soldiers are tired and hungry.

Washington: Our cause is right, and we need to keep going. Glover, can your men provide the boats we need to cross the dangerous waters?

**Glover:** Yes, General. My sailors have the experience to navigate in these dangerous conditions. They are committed to doing whatever it takes to make sure our soldiers cross the river safely.

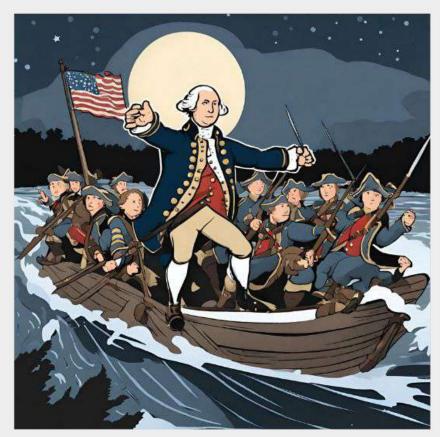


#### Scene 3:: The boats crossing the Delaware River

Narrator: Under the cover of darkness, Washington and his soldiers started their daring mission. The freezing river and strong currents tested their determination. But they kept going, knowing that victory was waiting for them on the other side.

Soldier 1: This water is so cold! But we have to keep going. Our freedom depends on it!

Soldier 2: My fingers are numb, but I won't give up. We are fighting for a better future!

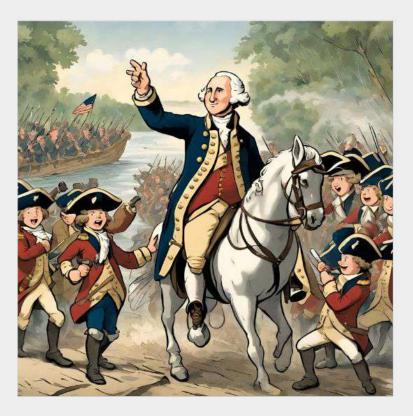


#### Scene 4:: Trenton, New Jersey

Narrator: As the sun rose, Washington's soldiers reached Trenton. The Hessian soldiers were surprised and quickly gave up. The daring crossing of the Delaware had worked.

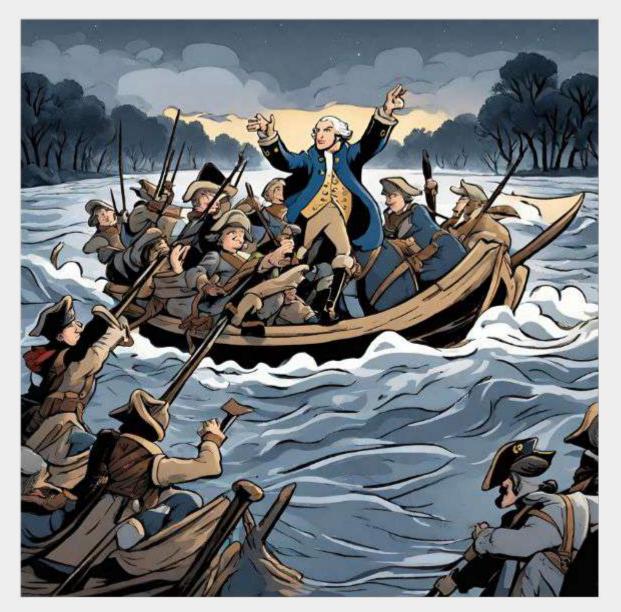
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Narrator: And so, George Washington's bold and daring crossing of the Delaware River in 1776 became a very important moment in the American Revolution. His smart plan, along with the bravery of his soldiers, changed the course of history.



Questions: Crossing the Delaware Reader's Theater 1. What was the date of George Washington's river crossing? a) December 25, 1776 b) July 4, 1776 c) June 6, 1944 d) April 19, 1775 2. Who were George Washington's trusted officers? a) General Nathanael Greene and Colonel John Glover b) Soldier 1 and Soldier 2 c) Hessian soldiers d) Narrator and George Washington 3. What was the main goal of Washington's river crossing? a) Boosting the morale of his troops b) Surrendering to the Hessian soldiers c) Admitting defeat d) Deserting the Continental Army 4. What did Colonel John Glover provide for the mission? a) Boats b) Food c) Weapons d) Horses 5. What was the result of Washington's attack on the Hessian soldiers? a) The Hessian soldiers surrendered b) The American troops surrendered c) The Hessian soldiers won the battle d) The battle ended in a stalemate

## Advanced Level Script





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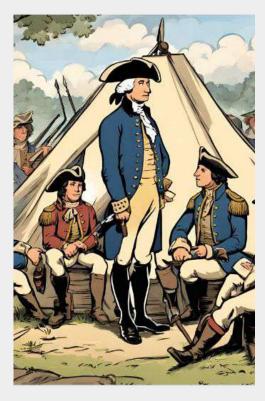
A Reader's Theatre Script

#### Characters:

- George Washington
- General Nathanael Greene
- Colonel John Glover
- Soldier 1
- Soldier 2

#### Scene: 1: The Continental Army camp, December 25, 1776

Narrator: On a cold winter night in 1776, the American Revolution was in full swing, and General George Washington found himself facing a critical decision. He had to confront the Hessian soldiers who stood across the treacherous Delaware River. Washington knew that securing a victory in this battle could uplift the morale of his troops and potentially turn the tide of the entire war. However, achieving this goal would demand careful planning and the unwavering bravery of his soldiers.



#### Scene: 2: The boats near the Delaware River

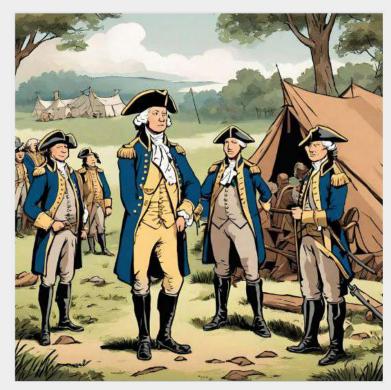
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Washington: We must catch the enemy off guard! Tonight, under the cover of darkness, we will cross the icy Delaware River and launch a surprise attack on the Hessian soldiers stationed in Trenton.

Greene: But sir, the conditions are harsh. The river is frozen, and our troops are exhausted and famished.

Washington: Our cause is just, and we must persevere. Glover, can your men provide the boats we need to navigate these perilous waters?

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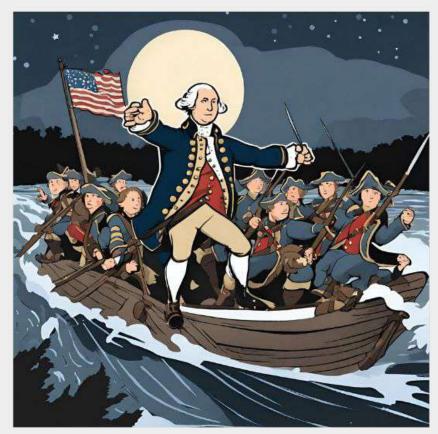


#### Scene 3:: The boats crossing the Delaware River

Narrator: Under the cloak of darkness, Washington and his soldiers embarked on their audacious mission. The freezing river and strong currents tested their resolve. Nevertheless, they pushed forward with unwavering determination, fully aware that their victory awaited them on the other side.

Soldier 1: This water is unbearably cold! Yet, we must march on. Our freedom hangs in the balance!

Soldier 2: My fingers are numb, but I refuse to surrender. We fight for a brighter future!

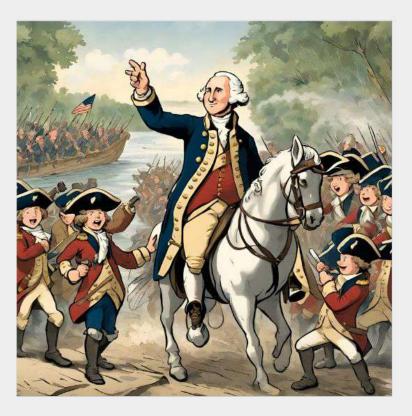




Narrator: As dawn broke, Washington's troops reached Trenton. The Hessian soldiers were taken by surprise and swiftly surrendered. The audacious crossing of the Delaware had paid off.

Washington: Excellent job, men! Our triumph today will uplift our spirits and demonstrate to the world that we are an indomitable force to be reckoned with. This is merely the beginning.

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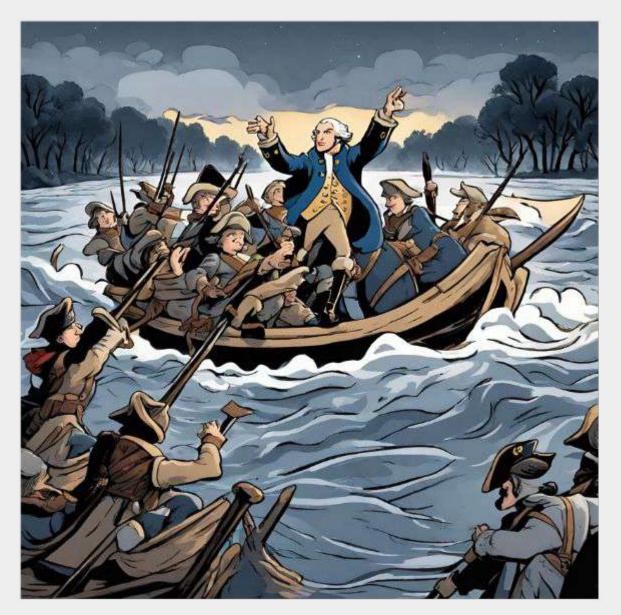
2. Who were the trusted officers that Washington gathered to discuss their strategy?

3. What were the conditions that made the river crossing challenging?

4. How did the soldiers demonstrate their determination during the river crossing?

5. What impact did the victory at Trenton have on the morale of the Continental Army?







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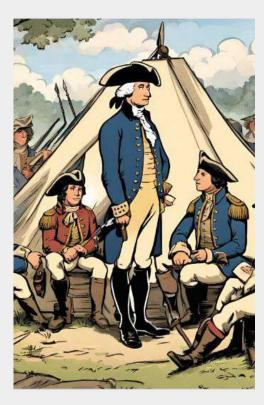
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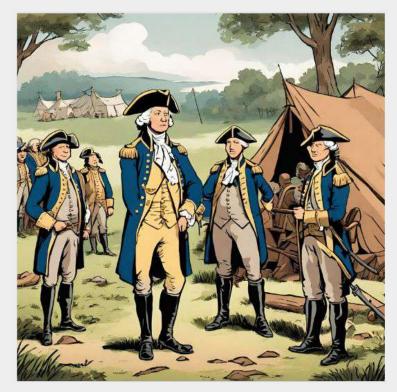
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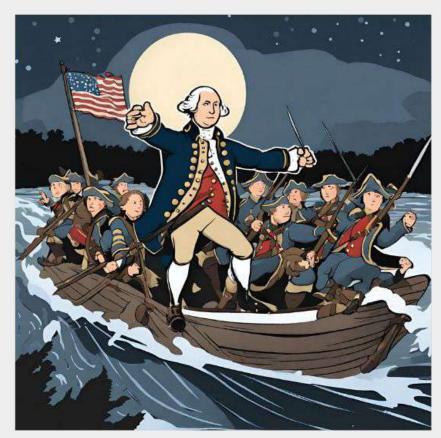


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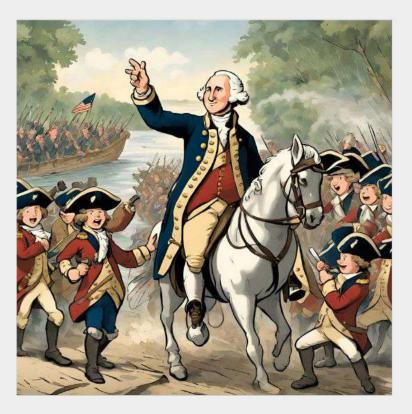


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- 11: Who was the main character in the story?
- A) General Nathanael Greene
- B) Colonel John Glover
- C) Soldier 1
- D) George Washington

2: Why did George Washington need to cross the Delaware River?

- A) To find food for his troops
- B) To surprise the enemy soldiers
- C) To meet with other generals
- D) To rest and take a break
- 3: Who helped George Washington's troops cross the Delaware River?
- A) General Nathanael Greene
- B) Colonel John Glover
- C) Soldier 2
- D) Soldier 1

4: What was the significance of crossing the Delaware River?

- A) It led to a victory for the Hessian soldiers
- B) It was a great success for George Washington's troops
- C) It caused the American Revolution to end

D) It was a plan to retreat from the battle

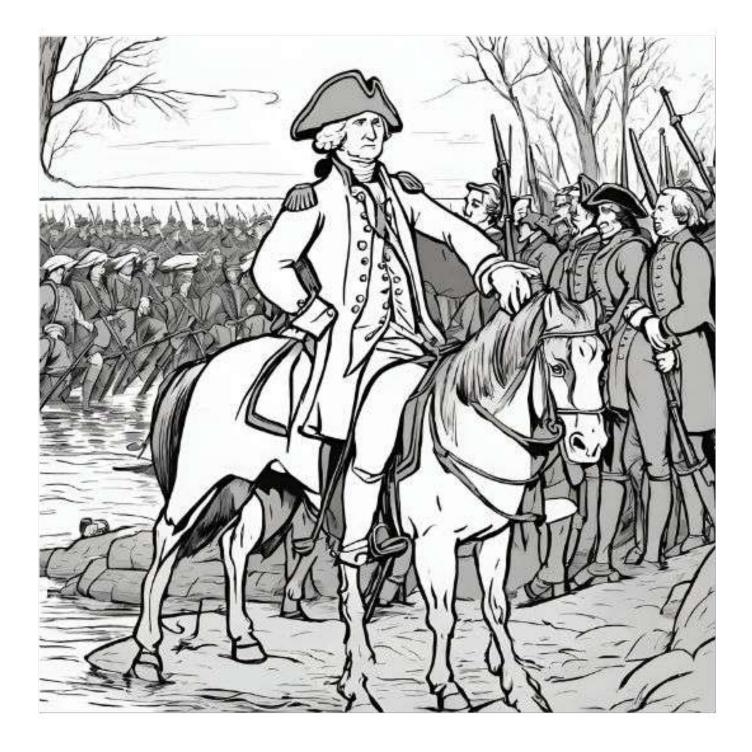
5: How did George Washington's brave crossing of the Delaware River change history?

- A) It led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence
- B) It inspired other countries to join the American Revolution
- C) It resulted in the capture of George Washington
- D) It showed the weakness of the Continental Army



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